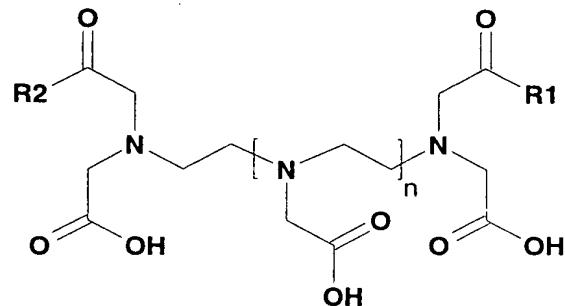


ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides complexing agents of Formula I



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5 which contain novel photosensitizers and produce long-lived fluorescence for use in bioaffinity assays, especially HTRF (homogeneous time-resolved fluorescence) assays.